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City of Barrie

Final

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Thursday, June 22, 2023 | **4:30 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting**

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on August 16, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 4:33 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, B. Hamilton
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, C. Riepma

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, S. Morales.

STAFF:
Associate Director of Communications and Customer Services, C. Harris
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Chief Financial Officer, C. Millar
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Solid Waste Operations, C. Marchant
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

Pursuant to Procedural By-law 2019-100, as amended, Section 4, Subsection 10, the order of business was altered such that the Reports of Officers of the Corporation listed under Agenda Item 7 were considered after the presentation listed under Agenda Item 3.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE BLUE BOX TRANSITION AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

Sandy Coulter, Acting Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, and Chris Marchant, Manager of Solid Waste Operations provided a presentation concerning the Blue Box Transition and Solid Waste Collection Contract.

Mr. Coulter and Mr. Marchant discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Province of Ontario's enactment of the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and its requirement to develop a strategy for a Waste Free Ontario;
- An outline of the Circular Economy details and recommended municipal framework outlined to Council on May 25, 2020;
- Barrie's Circular Economy Policy Framework approved by Council on March 22, 2021;
- The timelines associated with the Blue Box Program in order to be in compliance with the Ontario Regulation 391/21;
- A blue box transition comparison of eligible sources and non-eligible sources;
- A summary of Barrie's blue box transition;
- An outline of the new solid waste collection contract effective May 1, 2024;
- The cart specifications including volume, size, and material stream for recyclable material, garbage, and organic waste;
- The key waste collection system changes under the manual collection between May 1, 2024 and September 7, 2025;
- The key waste collection system changes under the automatic collection effective September 8, 2025;
- Ongoing collaboration with the Finance and Access Barrie Departments for a successful roll-out of transitioned services and the factors influencing the costs;
- A chart illustrating the annual actual and forecasted solid waste collection costs between 2022 and 2027;

- The staffing requirements for the waste management collection system changes; and
- The next steps for the City's waste collection.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Coulter and Mr. Marchant and received responses.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

SECTION "B"

MEMORANDUM BLUE BOX TRANSITION AND NEW WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT DETAILS

That the Memorandum from S. Coulter, Acting Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability dated June 22, 2023, regarding the Blue Box Transition and New Waste Collection Contract Details be received for information purposes.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of receipt at its meeting to be held on 2023/08/16.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 11, 2023

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee dated May 11, 2023 was received.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendations:

SECTION "D"

LANDFILL BIKE DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM

That the following recommendation be referred to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee for further discussion:

"That the Landfill Bike Diversion Pilot Program be formalized, and that Firebird Community Cycle be the recipient of the donations".

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE

That the following be received for information purposes and no further action be taken:

"That staff in the Development Services Department meet with Firebird Community Cycle to seek grant funding opportunities and/or partnership opportunities in support of viable locations for a permanent space and report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee".

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

CREATING A GRANT TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY BASED CYCLING GROUPS TO ADVANCE THE CITY'S CYCLING OBJECTIVES

That the following be received for information purposes and no further action be taken:

"That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the creation of a grant to support community-based cycling groups to advance the City's cycling objectives through education, outreach, and supporting resident access to bicycles and report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee".

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

MAPLE LEAFS FOREVER

That the City of Barrie recognizes the importance of the native maple tree, our arboreal emblem and we commit to favour planting native maples whenever a maple tree is called for in any municipal planting project.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN